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Health Department clarifies that there are no new cases of Strep A

The Monroe County Health Department seeks to clarify that there have been no new cases of invasive Group A Strep infection reported since the illnesses previously announced in Webster.

“We want to be clear that there have not been any new cases of invasive Group A Strep in the community over the past several days,” said Monroe County Health Director Andrew Doniger, M.D., M.P.H.

The two cases being reported by some local news organizations today have been known for up to two weeks and both are being treated; one of the two cases, although clinically consistent, has not been confirmed to be invasive Group A Strep.

Monroe County typically has about 30 cases of invasive Group A Step each year. To date, there have been seven cases; within the expected range. It is quite common for cases of invasive Group A Strep to result in illness serious enough to require hospitalization.

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